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Hi James,

We're planning to run a story tomorrow afternoon about the ongoing benzene problems at the former PES refinery site. Data from the fourth quarter of 2019 shows that emissions from the site exceeded EPA's action level of 9 micrograms per cubic meter for all but one of the six sampling periods. Three monitor readings even topped 30 micrograms.

Why haven't regulators and the current and future owners of the site been able to reduce its benzene emissions? What steps is the Philadelphia government taking to protect fenceline communities from the carcinogenic gas? How will the city ensure that redeveloping the site doesn't stir up even more toxic fumes?

Please get back to me with any responses or additional information by 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

Thanks,  
Corbin

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